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International Application No
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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| A | WO 94 17627 A (SMART VCR LTD) 4 August 1994 (1994-08-04) figures 1,2 --- | 1,6 |
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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| International application No. PCT/EP 99/ 04295 | International filing date (day/month/year) 21/06/1999 | (Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 30/06/1998 |
| Applicant DEUTSCHE THOMSON-BRANDT GMBH et al. | | |

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 3 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.



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None of the figures.

REPLACES
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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☒ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

 These annexes consist of a total of 3 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
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International application No. PCT/EP99/04295

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-10 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

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Drawings, sheets:

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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/EP99/04295

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

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| Novelty (N) | Yes: | Claims | 1-10 |
| | No: | Claims | |
| Inventive step (IS) | Yes: | Claims | 1-10 |
| | No: | Claims | |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Yes: | Claims | 1-10 |
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2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/EP99/04295

Ad section VIII:

1. independent claim 1:
 - a. The third method step "transferring a signal received..." is not completely clear (Article 6 PCT) as it does not define that the signal is a TV signal.
 - b. The fourth step is not quite clear (Article 6 PCT) as it does not define from which signal or source the channel identifying information is detected.
 - c. A step considered as essential (Article 6 PCT) for carrying out the invention is missing from the claim. As a matter of fact it appears that the method, according to the teachings of the description, is adapted to allocate one satellite channel to a (one) corresponding programme location in the television receiver. Although the claim refers in its last step to "storing an information about the channel on the selected programme place of the satellite receiver in the television receiver", it does not make clear that said channel on said selected programme place of the satellite receiver is assigned a predetermined location on the TV receiver. However, a corresponding feature is defined in claim 3.
2. Claim 2:
 - a. In the first step, it is not clear whether the channel is to be selected in the television receiver or in the satellite receiver or alternatively whether said step means that a predetermined programme location (corresponding a desired channel either from the satellite receiver or the TV tuner) is selected on the TV receiver.

Ad section V:

The application relates to the general field of operating video equipment, in particular a method of driving a satellite receiver by means of a television receiver connected to said television receiver.

Prior art document D1: WO-A-9307711 discloses a system in which a television receiver is functionally linked to other pieces of video equipment such as a satellite receiver or a cable box. D1 in particular describes a mode of operation in which the recording of a programme received through the cable box or satellite receiver is achieved by entering instructions (G-codes) to the TV set only which are forwarded to the VCR and the cable box or satellite receiver.

1. Independent claim 1:

The system of D1 does not, however allow the detection of a channel identifying information (supposedly received from the satellite receiver together with the video signal) and storing said information on the TV set so that upon further selection of said channel the TV receiver can remotely send tuning instructions to the satellite receiver. In contrast, said channel information (CDTL/G-code) is entered by the user each time it is required to selected a channel.

It is therefore found that the subject matter of claim 1 is novel (Article 33(2) PCT) and involves an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) over D1.

2. The claims dependent on the independent claim 1 define preferred embodiments of the alleged invention which are neither described in nor derivable from the cited documents.

Ad section VII

- a. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein (Rule 5.1 (a) (i) (ii)).
- b. Independent claims are not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art (document D1: WO-A-9307711) being placed in a preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in a characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT). It is to be noted that D1 discloses a method (fig.32) for using the programme places of a satellite receiver by means of a television receiver connected to the satellite receiver, comprising the following steps:
supplying a selection signal from the television receiver to the satellite receiver for selecting a programme place of the satellite receiver (p.22, l.21-p.24, l.9; p.42, l.10-11); tuning the satellite receiver (968) to the selected program place (p.42, l.5-13)and transferring a signal received on the selected programme place from the satellite receiver to the television receiver (p.42, l.12);

Patent Claims

1. Method for driving a satellite receiver by means of a television receiver (VCR, TV) connected to the
5 satellite receiver, **characterized in that** the television receiver (VCR, TV) drives the satellite receiver (SAT) in such a way that a programme search is carried out and the programme information of the respective programme which is received by the satellite receiver (SAT) is assigned
10 to the corresponding programme location in the television receiver (VCR, TV), and in that the data are stored in a memory (SP1) of the television receiver (VCR, TV).
2. Method according to Claim 1, **characterized in**
15 **that** the programme information is assigned to the information already present in the memory (SP, SP1) of the television receiver (VCR, TV).
3. Method according to Claim 1, **characterized in**
20 **that** the programme information, such as teletext information, is updated.
4. Method according to Claim 1, **characterized in**
25 **that** the programme information, such as show view data and/or transmitter name, is stored in the memory.
5. Method according to Claim 1, **characterized in**
that the memory (SP) is formed from a plurality of memories (SP, SP1) or memory levels.
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6. Circuit for driving a satellite receiver with a control unit (SE2), a data channel (SD1, ED2), a television receiver control unit (SE1) and a memory (SP1), **characterized in that** the television receiver
35 control unit (SE1) drives the satellite receiver control unit (SE2) via the data channel (SD1, ED2) and carries out a programme search, with the result that the programme information of the respective programme is

stored in the memory (SP) of the television receiver (TV, VCR) for the respective corresponding programme of the television receiver.

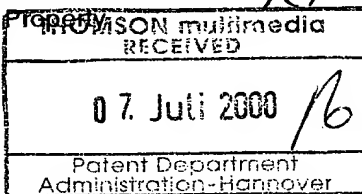
- 5 7. Circuit according to Claim 6, characterized in that the data channel (SD1, ED2) is formed without a cable or through cable.

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4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

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1. Independent claim 1:

The system of D1 does not, however allow the detection of a channel identifying information (supposedly received from the satellite receiver together with the video signal) and storing said information on the TV set so that upon further selection of said channel the TV receiver can remotely send tuning instructions to the satellite receiver. In contrast, said channel information (CDTL/G-code) is entered by the user each time it is required to selected a channel.

It is therefore found that the subject matter of claim 1 is novel (Article 33(2) PCT) and involves an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) over D1.

2. The claims dependent on the independent claim 1 define preferred embodiments of the alleged invention which are neither described in nor derivable from the cited documents.

Ad section VII

- a. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein (Rule 5.1 (a) (i) (ii)).
- b. Independent claims are not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art (document D1: WO-A-9307711) being placed in a preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in a characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT). It is to be noted that D1 discloses a method (fig.32) for using the programme places of a satellite receiver by means of a television receiver connected to the satellite receiver, comprising the following steps:

supplying a selection signal from the television receiver to the satellite receiver for selecting a programme place of the satellite receiver (p.22, l.21-p.24, l.9; p.42, l.10-11); tuning the satellite receiver (968) to the selected program place (p.42, l.5-13)and transferring a signal received on the selected programme place from the satellite receiver to the television receiver (p.42, l.12);

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Claims

1. Method for using the programme places of a satellite receiver (SAT) by means of a television receiver (VCR, TV) connected to the satellite receiver, comprising the following steps,
 - supplying a selection signal from the television receiver to the satellite receiver for selecting a programme place of the satellite receiver,
 - tuning the satellite receiver to the selected programme place,
 - transferring a signal received on the selected programme place from the satellite receiver to the television receiver,
 - detecting a channel identifying information by the television receiver,
 - determining the channel of the transferred signal from the channel identifying information, by the television receiver,
 - storing an information about the channel on the selected programme place of the satellite receiver in the television receiver.
2. Method according to claim 1, further comprising:
 - selecting a channel by means of the television receiver,
 - determining the satellite receiver programme place of the selected channel from the stored channel information in the television receiver,
 - transferring a signal comprising the satellite receiver programme place from the television receiver to the satellite receiver, and

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- tuning the satellite receiver to the channel of the programme place.
- 3. Method according to claim 2, wherein the programme place of the satellite receiver is assigned to the programme place of the television receiver and a corresponding information is stored in the television receiver.
- 4. Method according to claim 3, wherein for selection of a programme place of the television receiver the satellite receiver is switched to the corresponding programme place.
- 5. Method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein teletext information is updated in case of a channel change recognized by a changed channel identifying information.
- 6. Method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the television signal transferred from the satellite receiver to the television receiver comprises the channel identifying information.
- 7. Method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the television receiver supplies at first a signal to the satellite receiver to switch to the first programme place, then after storing of the channel information the television receiver supplies a signal to the satellite receiver to switch to the second programme place and so on.
- 8. Method according to any of claims 1 to 6, wherein a programme search is started in the satellite

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the television receiver.

9. Method according to claim 8, wherein the programme search is automatically started if no signal is received at the first programme place.
10. Method according to any of the preceding claims, wherein the television receiver is a video recorder.